

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 399  
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A RESOLUTION to honor and acclaim Ashley McElhiney,  
Vanderbilt University basketball star.

WHEREAS, it is the great pleasure of this General Assembly to pay tribute to those exceptional athletes who, through their magnificent exploits, have brought honor and prestige to both their academic institutions and the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Ashley McElhiney, a Senior Point Guard on the Vanderbilt University Basketball Team, is one such remarkable athlete, who has been honored with many awards that reflect her most impressive skills on the court; and

WHEREAS, ever the model of consistency, Ashley McElhiney missed only three games due to injury as a Commodore; she has also set numerous other Vanderbilt school records, including 673 career assists, 17 assists in a game, and 38 forty-minute games played; and

WHEREAS, she is the only Commodore basketball player--male or female--to record over 600 assists; and

WHEREAS, a leader among her peers, Ashley McElhiney has also received numerous Southeastern Conference awards, including being named to the Southeastern Conference

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Second Team in 2002 and the All-Tournament Team in 2001; she also led the Southeastern Conference in assists with a 7.46 game average, and holds second place in the nation in that same category; and

WHEREAS, Ms. McElhiney became the 22nd Commodore to join the Vanderbilt 1,000-Point Club, totaling 1,093 points in her career, and she earned seven double-doubles during the 2002-2003 season; and

WHEREAS, widely recognized as one of the best athletes in the country, she was named a Senior CLASS Award Top 10 Finalist, an ESPN.com Point Guard Top 5 honoree, one of twelve finalists for the Nancy Lieberman Point Guard Award in 2002 and 2003, an Associated Press Southeastern Conference Third Team Selection in 2003 and Second Team Selection in 2002, and a 2002 *Basketball Times* Third Team All-American; and

WHEREAS, her success both on the court and off is truly indicative of the highly successful future that awaits Ashley McElhiney; and

WHEREAS, athletes such as Ms. McElhiney showcase the talent and versatility of all of Tennessee's student-athletes; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we should pay tribute to Ashley McElhiney for her remarkable achievements and athletic prowess; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate Ashley McElhiney on her many achievements and awards, salute her dedication to athletics and academics, and wish her the best in her every future endeavor.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

